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FIRE! FIRE!

**Cayley Suffers From a Big Fire. . . Village Stood
Chance of Being Wiped Off the Map.
Heroic Fire Fighters.**

Saturday last, Jan. 3rd, about 3 o'clock a.m., the inhabitants of Cayley were awakened from their peaceful slumbers by the dread cry of "Fire! Fire!" In an incredibly short time the whole village was astir, and the clang of the fire bell and human beings flitting here and there in various styles of attire. The fire was quickly located in L. R. Caspell's general store, where it was seen at once that the building and its contents were doomed, the fire having acquired too much of a headway before the noble band of fire-fighters could get to work. In close proximity to the burning building, north, and separated only by a foot or two, was Kwong Lung's restaurant and bakery, and the large pool room to the north, then G. W. Wickens' new grocery store at the corner, some ten feet of space intervening; and on the south was a store room owned by L. R. Caspell, in which had been put a car load of flour only two days previous to the fire, and McMeekin & Scragg's hardware store, over which resided Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Scragg, and next to this building came the Cayley Hotel with three lots between. The energy of the fire-fighters was bent on saving the buildings on either side of the fire, but owing to the great headway of the leaping flames it was soon made apparent that Kwong Lung's and the pool room were doomed, also Caspell's warehouse next to his store. With great difficulty Wickens' grocery store was saved. The real fight, however, was in trying to save McMeekin & Scragg's store, with the intention of warding off all danger to the hotel on the other side and the buildings again south of the hotel. Time and again the now greedy flames caught the hardware store, burning three or four great gaps into the roof and side, and again and again the brave fire-fighters put them out, only to break out in another place. How ever, after repeated strenuous work the fire-fighters had the satisfaction of having the fire under control at this great danger point, and finally subdued the last leaping flame and were conquerors of the fiery element—but it was a noble struggle by a noble band of heroic fire-fighters. Fortunately there was scarcely any wind at the time. Had the fire occurred a few days previously, during the time of the strong windstorms, there is every probability that the whole of the village would have been wiped out of existence, as it was the fire-fighting facilities were taxed to their utmost, and indeed, were almost inadequate for last Saturday's fire, and it was only by the almost superhuman efforts of the workers that the fire was at last subdued.

Amongst some of the most strenuous fire-fighters were the pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, who pulled off their coats and worked with a will in every way possible, doing work that told. Messrs. Armstrong and Barker were another pair who did grand service in saving McMeekin & Scragg's store, helped by the

arduous labors of the men at the fire engine pumps below.

All honor to some of the ladies of the village who worked well in doing what they could at the pump and elsewhere.

Not forgetting the army of the mail brigade, who did such noble and helpful work.

Be it said, however, that there was never a drone present, but each and all vied with one another in the heroic work and doing their best.

The brave section-men did splendid work and deserved a word of praise, as most of them took up the heavy end of the engine at the pumps on the crop-line.

Never was there a harder working set of patriots and fire-fighters than those gathered together at this fire, among them being some strangers who were there for the day, but were workers.

Among some of the merchandise saved was a car of flour that had been stored by Caspell in his warehouse two or three days previous to the fire. The four tables in the pool room were also saved, besides several other minor things. The losses comprise the pool room, valued at \$800 and owned by J. Wickens, no insurance; Kwong Lung's store and L. R. Caspell's store, owned by G. W. Wickens and valued at \$15,000.00, these were insured, but doubts were entertained as to whether the policies had been allowed to lapse. L. R. Caspell's warehouse in front, fully covered by insurance. In addition the household effects above the pool room, the whole of the contents of Kwong Lung's store, valued at \$1800.00, partly covered by insurance; and the whole contents of Caspell's store, valued at some \$7000.00, partly covered by insurance. The contents of Wickens' grocery and McMeekin & Scragg's hardware stores were taken out of the buildings and scarcely an article was damaged, and have since been put back in the stores.

One of the principal reasons given by the European powers for the continued increase in their armaments is to be in an ever ready condition for any emergency at a moment's notice in case of war, so the lesson of the Cayley fire-fighters should be to have their fire equipment ever ready to be used at a moment's notice. The fire brigade needs more practice and the fire apparatus overhauled and kept in readiness every day and all the time.

The energetic Methodist Ladies Aid held their monthly business meeting on Thursday last and by the way they transacted their business they were an object lesson to the Alberta Legislature. A program for the future was planned, and to whet our appetites they decided upon having an Oyster Supper on the 20th of January, and a Valentine Social on Feb. 13th. It was not decided what form the Social should take, but an assurance was given that the Oyster Supper on the 20th should be a real one of its class, and preparations are forthwith being made to ensure its success.

The Golden Egg

Who says there isn't money in raising poultry in Sunny Alberta? On Monday a Gladys farmer drove into Calgary with his democrat loaded with dressed turkeys. When he arrived in the city he did not have the slightest notion where he would market the birds, but within an hour after arriving he had sold the lot at an average of 14 pound each, and the sum realized altogether was \$230.00.

There is another story to this. Oats at the present time are selling for around 21 cents per bushel. This means that for one democrat load of turkeys the Ridge man secured more than he would have made on a carload of oats. Altogether he got for that one load of turkeys more money than he would have made on a carload of oats, and he did not have to work so hard or wait so long for his money as he would have done if oats had been his crop instead of 14 pound turkeys. —Albertan.


The snow has arrived at last and is a welcome visitor. It looks and feels more seasonable.

Owing to the derailment of some cars in the yards at Macleod early last Monday, the morning train going north from here was nearly two hours late.

Kwong Lung had made arrangements to start a visit to his old home on the 10th inst. and had two trunks packed for the journey (which were burned). The fire has changed his plans. Kwong Lung was the first to give the alarm.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Kindly allow us space in your much valued paper to express our gratitude and sincerest thanks for the brave spirited and whole hearted manner our friends in and about Cayley exhibited in their battle of last Saturday. We owe to them the survival of our building and stock, for the protection of which many placed themselves in hazardous positions. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this opportunity of expressing our thankfulness. Your truly,
WICKENS BROS.

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A Question of Time
Hello, exclaimed an anxious guardian to his niece, as he entered the parlor and saw her on the sofa in the arms of a woman who just popped the cork and sealed it with a kiss.

What is the time of the day now?
I should say it was about half past twelve, was the cool reply.

For Burns and Scalds—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will take the fire out of the burn and soothe the pain more rapidly than any other preparation. It should be used as soon as possible, so that it may be available at any time. There is no preparation required. Just apply the oil to the burn or scald and the pain will subside and in a short time cure altogether.

Enthusiasm at medical recital—We shall hear more of this young man. Sufferer—Not tonight, I hope!

CRIPPLED WITH
SORE BACK

KIDNEYS WERE BADLY DISEASED
AND SHE DIDN'T KNOW IT

Was completely Cured By Less Than
A Dozen Boxes of

DR. CHASE'S
KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

Women are very often deceived and mistaken in regard to kidney disease. The signs in the back are attributed to other derangements, and kidney disease is allowed to run on and on until beyond the reach of medical science.

There is needless suffering, and life is risked, because backache is not recognized as the most marked symptom of kidney disease.

There is no treatment which so quickly relieves and cures kidney disease as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. As proof of this, read Mrs. Patterson's letter—

Mrs. Richard Patterson, Hamilton, Ontario, Ont., writes: "I will gladly state that I was cured of kidney trouble by using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. When I began using this medicine I was crippled with sore back and did not know what was the trouble. In looking over Dr. Chase's Almanac I saw Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills advertised and decided to try them."

"I had not used two boxes before my back was all right, and before I had completed the third box was entirely cured. There has been no return of the old kidney trouble, and I therefore believe the pills to be permanent."

One pill a day, 25c a box, at all dealers or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

Mother (whose daughter is engaged to a young farmer)—Don't you find Bob rather rough?

Daughter (blushing)—Yes, ma, and yet he says he shaves every day.

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THE HUSTLER, CAYLEY, ALBERTA.

BEWARE OF BLOOD-POISON

Zam-Buk Is a Sure Cure

Mr. T. S. Davey, of the Ellice Arms, Winnipeg, says:—A few months since I was cured of a poisoned finger through the timely use of Zam-Buk. I cut a deep gash across the knuckle on my right finger of my right hand in opening a letter case. I suffered at first with the swelling and pain, but had no idea it would become a serious wound. However, in about two days I was greatly relieved, as my wounds had not yet healed, the finger was much discolored, showing signs of blood poisoning. The pain was dreadful and I was forced to leave off my work and go home.

The wound on the knuckle had been poisoned by dust and dirt getting into it. I then decided to start the Zam-Buk treatment, and having first washed the cut, I applied the healing ointment, and by next day there was a great improvement.

In a week's time, through persistent use of Zam-Buk, the wound, to my complete cure was brought to a great improvement.

Zam-Buk is just as good for eczema, ulcers, scalp sores, abscesses, pimples, furuncles, boils, varicose ulcers, running sores, cold sores, chapped hands, etc. It draws out the poison from the wound, and cures it and heals.

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AMUSING JINGLES

Nonsense Verse by Well-known Hands
It was during one of those of the most brilliant verse of the past that in my moments—often as an after-dinner diversion—they wrote nonsense rhyme, which ultimately found their way into nursery books and song-books.

Thackeray, Theodore Tilton, and Shilley wrote a good many of the best of the nonsense verse of the past. It appears that it was Shilley who first wrote them, by an agitation carried on years ago against teaching children, and indeed against punishment for children.

Billy Bowers he jumped out of bed. He rushed at his sister and cut off her head.

This caused his dear mother a great deal of pain—Let little Billy won't do it again.

Baby sat in the window seat, Baby pushed her into the street, Baby fell and was washed in the "sea."

And then she held up her finger at Mary.

Tommy got a huffer match, And with it set fire to the farmer's barn, and burned down to the ground the farmhouse down to the ground.

And the farmer said, "Tommy, you didn't ought."

The following lines, which appeared in 1823 in a short-lived periodical called "The Mock," edited by Albert Smith and John Leach, were on the same theme:—

Where's your brother, Margaret, tell me, I've loved her since I was born, Why I loved you I loved her dearly—Very cross of you, Margaret, really.

Another version runs:—

In the family drinking well, Willie pushed his sister Nell, She's there yet, because it kills her, Now we have to use a filter.

Wicked Willie seems to have been the inspiration of quite a number of light verse, the London "Observer" has lately opened its columns to correspondence on the subject.

Little Willie, from the mirror, Once lay locked the nursery off, Thinking, in his childish error, It would — his whooping cough.

At the funeral Willy's mother Sincerely said to Mrs. Brown It was a dainty day for Willy When the nursery went down!

Of others, the authorship of which seems vague in my memory, the following are perhaps the most amusing:

Susan poisoned mother's tea; Mother died in agonies of pain; Father came in and looked quite vexed; Really, my dear, said he, what next?

Willy, with a fearful cry, Plunged the coffee-pot at nurse; As it struck her on the nose, "How straight he throws."

Willy, in one of his best new asides, Lied in the fire and was burnt to ashes. Father said, though the weather's so fair, As it struck her on the nose, "How straight he throws."

I haven't the heart to poke poor Willy, It seems to be an open question whether Longfellow or Macaulay wrote the popular lines:

There was a little girl, And she had a little curl, Lying in the middle of her forehead, When she was good she was very, very good.

But when she was bad she was horrid.

Longfellow, however seems to be the generally accepted author. Many years ago the following appeared in a Variety magazine, it being there described as from an old play:

Coughing in a steady groan, 'Said my Julian, 'Longue I gave my love, 'Deenacumb.

From the box the trumpet said, Three scores of them did die, Then sighing tenderly, she said, 'My Thomas, I am sick.

Cause and Effect
A gentleman living in Wales who was spending a month at Brighton, went to London for a few days. He had his wife and daughter, and plenty of money with him.

The daughter, after buying whatever she wanted, decided that she must have a holiday. Her father, to help her to select the dog that she did not agree to in the choice, so the gentleman bought three.

He had the three dogs sent to Brighton, then changed his plan after going back there, and took the same by home. A few days later he received the following letter from a stableman at Brighton:

Dear Sir—Your three bulldogs arrived all right last night on the same train. I locked them up together last night in a loose box.—Yours truly, P. B.—We have only one loose box left.

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The Ministry of Agriculture by a full full of illustrated by the late result of the tests just carried out by a store-bought at Toulon. The target was a plier, strong along at a hole of about six inches. The target was a plier, strong along at a hole of about six inches.

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ROYAL YEAST

MOST PERFECT MADE
MAKES LIGHT WHOLESOME BREAD.
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

MADE IN CANADA

The Honorable Mrs. Robert Hamilton, in her biography of her father, the late Lord Wolverhampton, says that in his house his orders were always stern and peremptory; but no one was more surprised than he was when he detected one of his daughters making a slight remark to the President of the Local Board. The Right Honorable John Burns, I believe, no so, you are mistaken, replied the President, the Local Board is a most honorable body, and I am glad to see it so.

One day you are one of the most inaccurate women the Almighty ever made, he told her.

Well, was the cheerful reply, I am glad to be a masterpiece in some department of creation.

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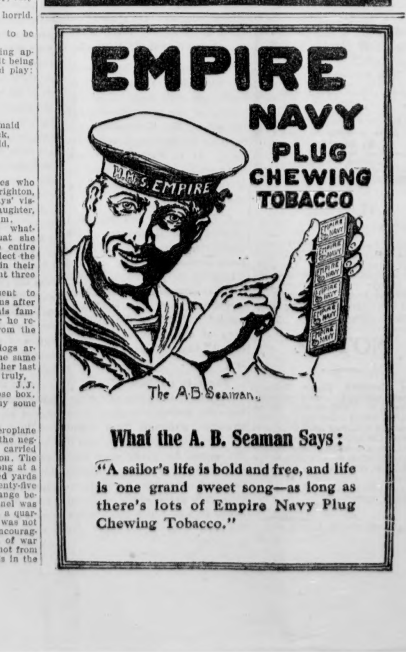
Rayo Lamp

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A poor light strains the eyes, and the injurious effects may last for life. An oil lamp is best. The light from the Rayo Lamp is soft and mellow. You can read or work under it for hours without hurting your eyes.

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Local News

E. S. Elves was an Edmonton visitor last week.

Miss Robinson, of Calgary, is visiting her brother Samuel.

School re-opened last Monday, with Mr. Ferguson as principal.

Roy Stevens has resigned his position at the Bank of Hamilton.

W. Armstrong and F. Ferguson were Calgary visitors last week.

Principal McMeekin, of Staveley, was a Cayley visitor for a few days last week.

The veritable Jack Cohen is back in Cayley for the rest of the winter. Can't keep a good man down.

Messrs. McMeekin & Scragg desire to thank their many friends who worked so hard and succeeded so well in saving their property from the recent fire.

A very successful pie social was held at Coleraine school house last week end, which was very largely attended by Cayleyites, who report a pleasant evening.

With the prospect of another railway tapping Cayley on the west and going in a southerly and south-westerly direction by the C.P.R., Cayley has the bright prospect of something 'doin' in the near future.

The 9th grade is now taught in the Cayley public school.

This, no doubt, will be found a great boon to those pupils who have already passed the lower grades, and will save some of the children leaving for other towns in order to take the higher grades.

The annual school board meeting takes place in Cayley on Saturday, the 11th inst. The dismissal of the former principal of the school, Mr. Kirkpatrick, will form the subject of a friendly debate. Mr. F. Walker is the retiring trustee. We understand he is intending to offer himself for re-election.

J. W. Bradley has just been notified from Edmonton of his appointment as issuer of marriage licenses. Those who are intending to give up single misery and loneliness for double blessings and a "happy ever afterwards" life will kindly make a note of the above and consult Mr. Bradley without further delay.

There is no lack of cars in Cayley now, and some of our farmers are taking advantage of the situation, although there would be a greater rush for the cars if the prices for grain were only half decent. While prices are so low our farmers have no desire to ship their grain, which condition exists all along the line—hence the plentiful supply of empty cars available.

Alwood—At Cayley on Friday, the 3rd inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Alwood, a son.

Nominations were held on Monday for the village council for the year 1913. The outgoing councillors were Messrs. Bradley, Barrow and Robertson, who declined re-nomination for another year. The following gentlemen were duly nominated: C. Douglas, Geo. W. Wickens, Alex. Durland, J. J. MacRae, F. F. McDonald and J. Elves. In these gentlemen the village has an excellent choice. The election takes place on Monday, the 13th inst.

Judging Horse's Age

It was not yesterday it became evident that mother nature, in arranging for certain peculiarities in respect to the teeth of the horse, had provided this animal with a kind of "clergyman's certificate" which, properly read and interpreted, furnished—if not an infallible—at least a fairly reliable information regarding its age.

It is not the intention here to give a theoretical instruction of the signs and marks which we employ in determining the age of the horse; that belongs to the A B C of horsemanship and may be learned from any of the numerous authoritative illustrative text books on the subject. What I want to give some pointers on is in regard to certain prevailing notions which to my mind need some correction.

In the first place we must not imagine—as some do—that these marks on the teeth which we employ furnish an absolutely safe criterion, for so is not the case. The explanation of this may be found in that the ways of nature, although regular enough, are not strictly uniform; partly also in the circumstance that variations in breed, feeding and eventual slight irregularities in the position of the rows of the teeth, considerably influence the wear and tear of them. Owing to the greater firmness and density of the osseous structures and the dental substance in high bred animals, for instance, the surface of the teeth in such horses wear slower than the case with their more "low bred" kinsmen. It is also commonly known that a formation of the jaws whereby the front teeth do not fit properly in juxtaposition will cause an irregular and misleading wear.

The evidence furnished by the teeth, therefore, must always be subordinate to testimonials given by reliable persons. But, in spite of this, we may nevertheless safely maintain that the teeth, in 9 cases out of 10, will furnish a fully reliable hint for the determination of the horse's age. At any rate, one thing is certain: except in those rare cases where the age can be fixed through testimonials, reliable above any shadow of doubt, no better proof can be obtained.

Any and all who deal in horses should therefore make it a point to learn to read the animal's age on its teeth. The task is not so difficult as one might surmise from the run of some learned text books on the matter, but, although such studies are indispensable, one must not imagine that any degree of skill can be acquired through the books and charts only. The most reliable textbook is always the horse's mouth, provided you possess a good knowledge of the fundamental principles and how to correctly proceed. The beginner, therefore, should never miss an opportunity to study—with the guidance of his knowledge previously acquired from hippological books—the mouth of such horses whose age is known or can be ascertained. Otherwise "practising" may prove

as it so frequently does—to be nothing but a continuous series of various mistakes. Such "experience" is unfortunately the kind most prevailing and too frequently confounded with real knowledge. Experience—or more perfectly termed practising—unaccompanied by a foundation of knowledge most frequently turns out to be a prolonged hit-or-miss work, which may or may not produce the right, may or may not produce the right, may or may not produce the right.

If I am to be candid, I must not conceal, however, that personally I am of the opinion that the rules, generally set forth in the textbooks on this subject, are of a rather dubious value in judging the age of a horse that has passed the 8 year mark. I believe that neither leanness nor practice can protect us from eventually committing the worse blunders when we undertake to read from the teeth the age of a horse of 10, 12 or 16 years. And everybody who has been a diligent student, not only of hippological handbooks but even that textbook which nature herself has left at our disposal, shall willingly agree with me in saying that the wear of the teeth, and the subsequent changes that take place, by no means are so regular as generally tabulated.

Hence it follows that after the age of 6 or 8 the rules and signs adopted should be regarded more as possibilities than certainties, although it is evident, in the absence of the latter, that these signs are of the greatest importance to the horseman who professes any degree of expertness.

Besides the teeth the general conformation of the horse speaks a whole lot as to his age. The head of the youngster is rather "umpty" and the cavity about the eyes is very shallow, if visible at all—provided he is healthy. And as the animal advances in "age and wisdom" the head and the gums become "thinner" or more marked, while the above mentioned cavities grow deeper; grey hairs, particularly above the eyes and around the muzzle, appear; the lips become thinner and more saggy and the wither sharpens, while sinking of the back, lengthening of the quarters, etc., are all signs of advancing age.

Smart people, who can hear the grass grow, claim to have observed that the horse at the age of 8 develops a little "line" or crease or wrinkle—as you please—near the upper edge of the lower eyelid, and for every following year an additional one appears. I confess, however, that I believe in this as much as I do in the well known fantastic assertion that the age may be determined by manual examination of—his tail!

In concluding this article I want to embrace the opportunity to impress upon the public in general and the farmers in particular the fallacy of the popular idea that a horse has lost its greater value when past its tenth year. If so be, and by way of comparison, a man at forty would be ripe for entering a home for decrepits. I am fully convinced that not the tenth, but the fifteenth year ought to be considered the age limit beyond which it begins to go down hill with a healthy, strong and well cared for horse. How much is ten years in the life of a horse? Many of his most cherished virtues and qualities have not even yet had time to develop themselves fully. He who demands heavy work and great exertion of his horse as a rule will be better off if he sticks to the ten or twelve year old horse and leaves the five year youngster alone, even if the former in his exterior may show about him the marks of honest work as evidence of his still powerful limbs having been used—and used hard—in the service of man.

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